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Eric Meyer

President, Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Chairman



In 1998, Forbes magazine identified Eric Meyer as “an emerging force” in hedge fund investing. In 2005, Banker Middle East magazine identified Mr. Meyer as “a pioneer in Islamic finance.” Today, as President, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman of Shariah Capital, Inc., Mr. Meyer is widely recognized for his skill and creativity within the worlds of both Western finance and Islamic banking.

Initially, Mr. Meyer established himself as this pioneer of Islamic products with his creation of Meyer Fund Management in 2005,

and its predecessor Meyer Capital Partners in 2001 where he served as founder and CEO, respectively.

His success in developing, at his own initiative and expense, the infrastructure for a Shariah compliant fund of hedge funds was a groundbreaking achievement in the Islamic Finance industry. Assisted by prominent Shariah scholars and supported by their fatawa, Mr. Meyer devised the innovative tools and screening methodology that underscore new Shariah compliant long/short and market neutral funds of hedge funds. Mr. Meyer also developed faster and more efficient software for determining whether specific securities are Shariah compliant and a sophisticated Web-based software engine that provides “real time” portfolio monitoring for Shariah scholars and managers.

Mr. Meyer's commitment to Shariah finance and the Gulf are well demonstrated. He regularly speaks at both Islamic and traditional finance conferences throughout the world, typically introducing and analyzing the latest innovations in Islamic finance. Of particular note is his establishment of "Shariah Conferences" which are semiannual conferences hosted by Shariah Capital that promote interaction between Wall Street and Islamic investors.

Mr. Meyer has been widely reported in the press, particularly for his innovations in Islamic finance as well as for his access to Middle Eastern investors. Over 30 articles/features on his innovations have appeared in such publication as the Financial Times, International Herald Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Associated Press, Banker Middle East, Islamic Business and Finance, Stamford Advocate/Greenwich Times, as well as on CNN.

Prior to his focus on Islamic finance, Mr. Meyer established himself in both hedge fund management and in early stage private equity (venture capital) with his creation and management of MD Strategic in 1994 and MD Ventures in 1995. MD Strategic was a long/short equity hedge fund that generated substantial returns. MD Ventures was an early stage investment partnership that invested in networking and internet companies. MD Ventures seeded investments that included later investors such as Dell, Intel, Hewlett Packard, General Atlantic, Apax Partners, Morgan Stanley Venture Partners, UBS and Bell South. Three of these seed investments culminated in public offerings.